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more like human beings ought to live, like God intended that man should live ; for the earth was given to man not only as a place where he is to exist for a time, but as a home with all that is implied in the term, where food and raiment and the comforts of life should be within the reach of every human being who will labor to obtain them, and that in sufficient quantity to enable him to live as a man ought to live, with the comforts of this life about him.

And whilst we admit that all human systems of governments and laws are imperfect, we contend that the one which affords to the masses of the people the best homes and more of this world's goods in the way of food, clothing and those things which are necessary for their comfort, happiness and welfare, is the nearest perfect, and therefore the best.

We claim this for the American system of protection, and that it has accomplished more for the masses of the people than any other system that has ever been devised or practiced, and at the same time made us in power, grandeur and civilization the first nation in the world.

As an evidence of this and the benefit the masses are receiving from it, we point with just pride to the fact which has just been stated, that the people of this country to-day are consuming probably double *per capita* of the manufactured commodities of the world, and more of the agricultural products than the people of any other country or nation, with all the benefits, comforts and advantages resulting from it ; and this of itself, we think, if there was nothing else to commend it, ought to endear it to every human being in our land, and as a system to perpetuate it forever.

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*Stated Meeting, September 3, 1886.*

Present, 8 members.

Vice-President, Dr. W. S. W. RUSCHENBERGER, in the Chair.

Letters of acceptance of membership were read from Prof. Otto Donner, Helsingfors, Finland ; Dr. Aristides Brezina and Prof. Edward Suess, Vienna, Austria ; Prof. Paul Albrecht, Hamburg, Germany ; Victor Duruy, Prof. Abel Hovelacque, Marquis de Nadaillac and Dr. Edward Pepper, Paris, France ; Duke of Argyll, Prof. Wm. Crookes and Capt. Richard C. Temple, London, England ; Lord Rayleigh, London, England ; Mr. William S. Baker, Prof. John Marshall, Prof. John T. Napier, Mr. Samuel W. Pennypacker, Mr. Henry Reed and Prof.

Benjamin Sharp, Philadelphia; Prof. Herbert B. Adams and Prof. William K. Brooks, Baltimore, Md.; Prof. John C. Branner, Bloomington, Ind.; Prof. Antonio Peñafiel, Mexico, Mo.

A letter was read from Mr. Francis Galton, of London, declining membership, for reasons held sufficient by the Society.

Letters of envoy were read from the Geological Survey of India; Société des Naturalistes de la Nouvelle Russie, Odessa; Académie Royale des Sciences, Amsterdam; Bibliothèque de l'Université Royale, Lund; Reale Accademia dei Lincei, Rome; American Antiquarian Society, Worcester; Département of the Interior; United States Geological Survey.

Circulars were received from the United States Naval Observatory as to the continuation of the publication of the "Results of Meteorological Observations made at the Naval Observatory;" from the International Congress of Geology in relation to a proposed geological map of Europe, to be issued under the direction of a specially appointed committee; from the American Public Library and Museum, Frankfurt-am-Main, requesting the Society's publications; from the Verein für Erdkunde in Leipzig, containing the announcement of its Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

Photographs for the Society's album were received from Prof. John C. Branner, of Bloomington, Ind.; Col. Garrick Mallery, of Washington.

Letters indicating a change of address were received from Prof. Japetus Steenstrup, Copenhagen (Frederiksborggade, 18, 2. Copenhagen); Meteorological Office, London (116 Victoria St., S. W.).

Letters were read from Prof. Joseph Hyrtle, of Vienna, stating that on account of blindness he returns No. 122, and requests that nothing further be sent him; the Verein für Vaterländische Naturkunde, Würtemberg, desiring certain of the Society's publications. On motion the request was referred to the Secretaries with power to act.

Acknowledgments were received from Connecticut Histori-

cal Society (72); Institut Egyptien (81-87; 89-122); Académie Royale des Sciences, Amsterdam (116-119); Bibliothèque de l'Université Royale, Lund (116-120); Royal Society of New South Wales (116-121); Verein für Vaterländische Naturkunde, Württemberg, Comité Geologique, St. Petersburg, 117-121); Observatorio Astronómico Nacional Mexicano (117, 118, 119, 122); K. K. Sternwarte in Prag (120); Prof. Japetus Steenstrup, Copenhagen (120, 121); Société Royale de Zoologie, Amsterdam (120, 121, 122); Prof. E. Renevier, Lausanne, Ministre de l'Intérieur, Brussels, R. Academia dei Lincei, Rome, Musée Guimet, Paris (121); Fondation de P. Teyler, Harlem, Meteorological Office, London, Society of Antiquaries, London, Statistical Society, London; Cambridge Philosophical Society, Prof. James Geikie, Edinburgh, Mr. Benjamin Smith Lyman, Denver (122); Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft, Halle A. S., New Bedford Public Library (121, 122); Department of the Interior; Garten-Bau Verein, Berlin (119).

Donations for the Library were announced from Mining Department, Melbourne; Royal Asiatic Society, Hong-Kong; Royal Asiatic Society (North China Branch), Shanghai; Geological Survey of India; Royal Geographical Society of Russia; Comité Geologique, Profs. Otto Stuve and Serge Nikitin, of St. Petersburg; Société Impériale des Naturalistes, Moscow; Society of Naturalists of New Russia, Odessa; Accademia degli Agiati, Roveredo, Austria; K. K. Geologische Reichsanstalt, Vienna; K. B. Akademie der Wissenschaften and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, &c., Munich; Naturforschende Gesellschaft des Osterlandes, Altenburg; Deutsche Geologische Gesellschaft and S. Calvary & Co. (publishers), Berlin; Naturhistorischer Verein and Prof. G. Vom Rath, Bonn; Verein für Erdkunde, Dresden; Naturforschende Gesellschaft, Emden; Prof. Paul Emil Richter of Freiburg; Oberhessische Gesellschaft für Natur- und Heilkunde, Geissen; "Zoologischer Anzeiger," K. Sachsische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften and Prof. C. F. Zinchen of Leipzig; Naturhistorische Gesellschaft, Nürnberg; Verein für Vaterländische Naturkunde

in Württemberg ; Editors of the "Naturforscher," Tübingen ; Unterfrank. Kreuzifsherei-Verein, Würtzburg ; Société de Physique, &c., Geneva ; Société Vandoise des Sciences Naturelles, Société Géologique Suisse and Prof. E. Renevier of Lausanne ; Prof. François W. C. Trafford of Zurich ; K. Akademie van Wetenschappen and K. Zoologisch Genootschap, Amsterdam ; Société Hollandaise de Sciences and Archives Néerlandais, Harlem ; Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, Florence ; R. Istituto Lombardo di Scienze ed Lettere, Milan ; R. Accademia di Scienze Lettere ed Arti, Modena ; R. Accademia di Scienze Lettere ed Arti, Padua ; Società Toscana Scienze Naturali, Pisa ; R. Accademia dei Lincei, R. Comitato Geologico d'Italia, Biblioteca N. Centrale Vittorio Emanuele and Prof. Guiseppi Sergi of Rome ; Accademia Reale delle Scienze and Observatorio R. Università, Turin ; R. Istituto Veneto di Scienze Lettere ed Arti ; Académie Royale de Belgique, Musée Royale d'Histoire Naturelle and Prof. Albrecht, Brussels ; K. Universitet, Lund ; Société de Géographie, Institution Ethnographique, Société d'Anthropologie, Société des Antiquaires de France, Musée Guimet, École des Mines, Revue Internationale de l'Enseignement, Ministre de l'Instruction Publique and Marquis de Nadaillac, Paris ; Société des Sciences Physiques et Naturelles, Bordeaux ; Société Séricicole, Montpellier ; R. Academia de Ciencias Naturales y Artes, Barcelona ; R. Academia de la Historia, Madrid ; Instituto y Observatorio de Marina (San Fernando) ; Royal Society, Linnean, Zoological, Geological and Statistical Societies, Royal Geographical and Astronomical Societies, Meteorological Society and Office, Society of Antiquaries, Victoria Institute, "Nature," Journals of Conchology and Forestry and Dr. Benjamin Ward Richardson of London ; Cambridge Philological Society ; Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society, Falmouth ; Philosophical and Literary Society of Leeds ; Royal Dublin Society and Royal Geological Society of Ireland ; Nova Scotian Institute of Natural Science ; "The Canadian Record of Science," Montreal ; Dr. Robert Bell, Ottawa ; Literary and Historical Society, Quebec ; Canadian Institute, Toronto ; Military Academy,

Norwich, Vt.; Mt. Pleasant Classical Institution; Boston Society of Natural History, Massachusetts Historical Society, American Statistical Association, Mr. H. Andrews Hill and the editor of "Library Notes," Boston; Harvard College, Museum of Comparative Zoölogy and Prof. Samuel H. Scudder, Cambridge, Mass.; Essex Institute; "American Journal of Science," College and Oriental Society, New Haven; Entomological Yale Society and Brooklyn Library; Buffalo Library; American Chemical Society and Meteorological Observatory, New York; Vassar Brothers' Institute, Poughkeepsie; Geological Survey of New Jersey; editor of the "Philosophian Review," Bridgeton; College of Pharmacy, Franklin Institute, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Mercantile Library, Pennsylvania Society for Promotion of Public Economy, Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia Library, Provident Life and Trust Co., Philadelphia Panorama Co., Messrs. S. C. Perkins, Fr. Meinert, Celen Sabbrin, W. S. Baker, R. S. Culin, Henry Phillips, Jr., and McCalla & Stavely, Philadelphia; Wyoming Historical and Geological Society; U.S. Naval Institute, Annapolis; Johns Hopkins University and American Journal of Philology, American Chemical Journal, American Journal of Archæology, Peabody Institute, Baltimore; U. S. Fish Commission, U. S. National Museum, U. S. Geological Survey, U. S. Naval Observatory, National Academy of Sciences, U. S. Government Publications Bureau of Education, Hydrographic Office, Departments of Interior and of State, Virginia Historical Society; Leander McCormick Observatory; Society of Natural History, Cincinnati; Transylvania University; Mr. Charles C. Jones, Jr., of Augusta; Society of Natural History, Brookville, Ind.; Rev. Stephen D. Peet, Chicago; Prof. H. S. Frieze, Ann Arbor; Mr. T. F. Williams, St. Paul; Academy of Natural Sciences, Davenport, Ia.; State Historical Society, Iowa City; Washburn College and Kansas Historical Society, Topeka; Prof. Chas. W. Brooks, San Francisco; Colorado Scientific Society; Dr. Antonio Peñafiel, Mexico; Prof. L. Darapsky, Santiago; Imperial Observatorio, Museo Nacional and Prof. Ladislau Netto, Rio de Janeiro.

The Secretaries reported that they had communicated with various foreign and domestic societies and periodicals in reference to an exchange of publications, and that the following so far had responded favorably, viz:

La Société de Borda, Dax, France; Geographische Gesellschaft, Hannover; Académie de Belles Lettres, Caen, France; R. Accademia degli Agiati, Roveredo, Austria; R. Accademia de Ciencias, Barcelona, Spain; Société Sericicole, Montpellier, France; Société des Antiquaires de la Marne, St. Omer, France; Naturforscher, Tübingen, Germany; Cosmos, Paris, France; Verein für Thüringische Geschichte, Jena; Société des Amis des Sciences Naturelles et d'Ethnographie, Moscow, Russia; Société des Sciences et de Géographie, Port-au-Prince; K. Zoolog. Genootschap, Hague; R. Accademia di Scienze, Padova; Soc. Historique et Litt. du Cher, Bourges; Garten-Bau Verein, Darmstadt; Naturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft, Dresden; La Société Polymathique de Morbihan, Vannes, France.

On motion, the above societies, &c., were placed upon the exchange list to receive Proceedings from No. 96.

La Société Malacologique de Belgique, Bruxelles, requested certain volumes of Transactions, which were ordered to be sent, and that the Society should receive them as published hereafter.

Pending nomination No. 1113 was read.

Mr. Phillips exhibited a photograph of Mt. Ætna in eruption, on May 20, 1886, at 1.30 P.M.

On motion, of Mr. Law, the Society appropriated \$100 for the mounting on guards and binding the MS. letters of William Temple Franklin, lately found in the Society's attics.

On motion of Mr. Jordan, the Society agreed to dispense with the meeting of September 17th, and the Society was adjourned by the presiding member.